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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT

Working of the Railway Department for the year 1931-32.

READ—

Report on the Administration of the Railway Department for the year 1931-32, received with letter No. 1255, dated 19th December 1932, from the Secretary to Government for Railways.

ORDER No. G. 5424-73—G. M. 69-32-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE
3RD FEBRUARY 1933.

Recorded.

2. *Administrative Changes.*—Khan Bahadur Mr. A. A. Khan continued to be in charge of the Department as Agent and Secretary to Government in the Railway Department, in addition to his duties as Traffic Manager.

3. *Open Lines.*—The total mileage of open lines worked by the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company and by the State was 722.29 miles with the capital at charge amounting to Rs. 587.70 lakhs, inclusive of an outlay of Rs. 11.88 lakhs during the year under report. The construction work on the section between Arasalu and Anandapuram a distance of 9.35 miles was in progress.

4. *Lines worked by the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company.*—The length of the Mysore State lines worked by the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company was 271.56 miles, of which, 9.88 miles were Broad-Gauge and 261.68 miles Metre-Gauge. The gross earnings during the year amounted to Rs. 43.05 lakhs and after deducting working expenses, guaranteed interest, etc., therefrom, the net receipts were Rs. 12.29 lakhs against Rs. 11.27 lakhs during the previous year.

5. *Lines worked by the State.*—The length of the lines worked by the State was 450.73. There was a fall of Rs. 1.50 lakhs in the gross earnings during the year

under report compared with the previous year's earnings, of which a decrease of Rs. 1.20 lakhs was under coaching traffic mainly due to a fall of nearly 315 thousand in the number of passengers travelling by Railway. The decline in the passenger traffic is attributed to the reduced spending power of the people, slack trade conditions and the increasing road Motor competition. A Committee has been appointed to enquire into the question of Motor Transport in the State and it is hoped that this Committee will be able to suggest means of co-ordinating the two kinds of transport so as to reduce the loss to the Department.

6. *Expenses.*—The ordinary working expenses of the year amounted to Rs. 21.52 lakhs as against Rs. 22.62 lakhs in the previous year, showing a decrease of 1.10 lakhs, the percentage to the gross earnings falling from 69.04 to Rs. 68.82 during the current year.

7. *Stores.*—The year opened with a balance of Rs. 5.70 lakhs and Stores to the extent of Rs. 8.99 lakhs were purchased. The issues inclusive of sales amounted to Rs. 9.72 lakhs, resulting in a closing balance of Rs. 4.97 lakhs at the end of the year.

8. *Accidents.*—The number of persons killed during the year on account of accidents was ten of which three were run over while trespassing the line, and four were killed by derailment of a train on the Narrow Gauge and three others due to injuries. The number of engine failures was 25 as against 43 in the previous year.

9. *General.*—Among the additional railway facilities provided are the following :—

- (1) Issue of cheap return tickets on important occasions ;
- (2) Grant of concessional fares to encourage the people to take part in the Exhibitions at Mysore and other places ;
- (3) Introduction of Shuttle trains between Bangalore City and Channarayana, Kolar and Bowringpet and Mysore and Nanjangud Town ;
- (4) Running of special trains on every Sunday on Mysore-Arsikere Railway between Mysore and Belagola to afford facilities to the passengers attending the Shandy at Krishnarajasagara Works.

The working of the Department continued to be satisfactory.

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GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Administration of the Forest Department for 1931-32.

READ—

The Report on the Administration of the Forest Department in Mysore for the year 1931-32, received from the Chief Conservator of Forests with his letters Nos. Per. 71—31, dated 6th and 31st October 1932.

ORDER NO. G. 5404-20—FT. 123-32-11, DATED BANGALORE, THE
3RD FEBRUARY 1933.

Recorded.

2. *Area of State Forests.*—The area of State Forests at the close of the year was 3,410.55 square miles while that of reserved lands was 370.52 square miles.

3. *Reservation and Settlement.*—The number of blocks awaiting settlement at the close of the year was 54. The settlement work is slow and the Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to arrange, in consultation with the Revenue Commissioner, for the speedy disposal of the proposals for reservation still pending.

4. *Minor Forests.*—The area of Minor Forests was 1,300.30 square miles at the close of the year. The report referred to in the previous review as to how far the